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The use of money is all the advantage there is in having money.—Franklin.

Is the income of the Territory for the next two years still being figured on the basis of three and a half cent sugar?

No reply is possible to the open letter of Chief Justice Robertson to the editor of the Friend, so the satellites of the Friend outfit make faces.

Why keep up the wharf tax for which no accounting is ever made and keep down the tax rate that will provide for public work and at least give the people a knowledge of how the money is expended? Why not do business in the usual business-like way?

If the Board of Health puts its financial necessities for filling in the bog holes at \$250,000 it may be credited with making its estimates on a very conservative basis. The money should be supplied, and reclamation is a work on which loan funds might well be expended.

Mott-Smith doesn't have to stop and ask whether he is wanted or not. It he will drive the work through in vigorous style he may depend upon it that the people of Honolulu who do things will stand by him and assist more practically than by sitting on the fence and yelling "go it Mott."

ON TRADITIONAL AMERICAN LINES.

The Senate scored a point today for the development of Hawaii along traditional American lines.

One step has been made toward wiping out the present record that Hawaii is the only Territory ever brought under the Flag without public land areas set apart and dedicated forever to the cause of education. It is to be hoped that the House of Representatives will follow up the good work. There is not the slightest doubt that Congress will approve the measure.

The state of Texas points with pride to the fact that it has under lease public lands valued at more than \$10,000,000, the income from which is devoted to public education. The State of Minnesota points with pride to the fact that through the lease of its lands, that were by act of the United States Congress set aside for the endowment of the State University—corresponding to our College of Hawaii—it has one of the largest endowment funds enjoyed by any educational institution in the country. These were public lands given for the benefit of education.

Does anyone suppose that if the Congress had the allotment of lands for Texas and Minnesota to do over again it would not give the best lands, lands that are or could be leased to the best advantage.

Americans of the mainland have always picked the best when providing funds for education.

Since Congress forgot to give lands for education in Hawaii, it is to the everlasting credit of our people if they remind the National legislators of their mistake, and request that the Territory of Hawaii shall be put in line with every other Territory that has been organized.

The Bulletin would suggest only one amendment to the Fairchild resolution. The public lands and the water leases should be dedicated forever to the purposes of education and health.

That is the way Congress will pass the final amendment. Congress takes no halfway steps when it comes to giving public lands for the greatest of America's institutions—its public schools and its colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTORS

The people of this town will not feel that the sanitation situation is being handled with complete thoroughness until there is a general house-to-house inspection, such as has been carried out on former visitations of either cholera or plague.

One of the very best moves that could be made would be the issuance of a call for volunteers that would bring into action some of the citizens who never go outside a beaten track between their homes, their down-town offices and the houses of a few friends.

One half the people don't know and almost another half don't care. Consequently, the leading sanitary officers have to work without the support they should have.

If twenty-five per cent of our business men would go out on regular tours of inspection as they did in 1895, there would be a very prompt revolution in the town. Those men would not only see that sinkholes are cleaned up but they would be brought face to face with conditions with which they are now acquainted only through hearsay. Facts would be brought home to them, facts that would arouse citizens now indifferent, or complaining because someone else does not act and correct evil conditions.

A call for volunteer inspectors and the organization into districts could not fail of being the greatest educational campaign for the better sanitation of Honolulu that could be conducted.

NEW CITY HEALTH OFFICERS

With two former members of the Territorial Board of Health at the head, the health department of the City and County of Honolulu ought to be run in a manner to get the quickest, best and most permanent results. The only value of what has gone before is to furnish a lesson to not let it happen again. The City and County administration has lost a great amount of public confidence as well as authority. The only way to regain this confidence is to do the work that must be done for the better sanitation of Honolulu and maintaining permanent conditions of public health that will keep the port free from quarantine. This allows of no quibbling over whose is the authority, and no shunting of responsibility by an excuse of "that's the other fellow's work."

As for politics, the men who have to bear the brunt of the campaigns should be asked to recommend efficient men to fill positions that are vacant, and the politics of a man should never operate to guarantee him a position for five minutes if he does not show by his work that he is up to the task to be performed. His activity as a political worker should not however militate against him.

The reason for "politics" having a black eye is that favoritism may have kept an inefficient man in office and kept an efficient man out.

The kind of politics that Honolulu wants is the brand that is ever on the alert to find the right man for the places that are open.

The Bulletin believes that politics of that character is entirely practical and will give the best results in government here as elsewhere.

If the men who have been named by the Supervisors to handle the health department can't do it on the basis that efficient service is good politics we shall be very much surprised.

SANITATION BONDS.

One million dollars of sanitation bonds for the city of Honolulu should be provided in the loan bill now before the Legislature.

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This money cannot and will not be expended at once but a law should be passed so that it can be made available immediately the Sanitary Commission gets down to business and shapes a plan for the reclamation of the swamps and fifth centers of the greater city of Honolulu.

We have no doubt that this plan will be stamped as "too much, too much" and "another scheme for increasing taxes," but it is nevertheless what must be done if Honolulu is to meet the demands that are more pressing every day as a result of its very rapid growth, and its serious responsibilities as the great port of the Pacific cross roads.

The fifty thousand dollars given the Sanitary Commission under the act creating it, is a mere drop in the bucket. To spend this and not be able to follow up with money to condemn, reclaim and improve, is to waste money and throw away opportunity.

Honolulu is due to be a big city. Don't let this be forced upon its people by epidemics that suddenly discover to the residents of the old Honolulu how the people have begun to build their abiding places around the sink holes and swamps of what were yesterday the outskirts.

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POLICE AND INSPECTORS.

Supervisor Murray proposes that the police shall be commissioned as sanitary inspectors.

We don't know that any harm can come from this but it should not result in a reduction of the number of sanitary inspectors whose particular and sole business is to devote their time to sanitation.

An average policeman is supposed to have enough to do with his police duties. If he is asked to do more he usually slights either his new task of the old one.

The business which the city of Honolulu has in hand through the Territorial and City health departments is big enough to command the undivided attention of a corps of men who will do their work thoroughly and well. Splitting the work between the police and the health departments

will, if anything goes wrong, result in the sanitary men blaming it on the police and the police blaming it on the sanitary force. And there you are.

This is no time for playing tiddle-winks or trying to save at the spigot while losing at the bung. If inspectors are needed put them on and don't waste time doing it.

EMPIRE FOR ELKS TONIGHT

The Empire Theater tonight will be the home of the Elks for the evening, and there they will entertain the ladies who assisted them in making the carnival a success, afterward giving a banquet in the hall on King street.

There were about 250 Honolulu women who were instrumental in making a success of the carnival, and it is to these that the local lodge is to be host tonight at the theater and afterward at the banquet board.

At the Empire the program will include the best-known artists on the local stage, and in addition to the older faces there will be two new ones—the Younger Brothers, who arrived on the Wilhelmina yesterday.

The entertainment at the theater starts promptly at 8:15, and the program includes:

The Hidalgo—Spanish dancers.
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